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# Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Start Deliberation on Final Maps

## Deliberation Dates set for December

**Phoenix, AZ** - Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission will complete its final week of listening to in-person comments and virtual town halls on December 4, 2021. The schedule is on the following link: draft maps public hearings. With only two in-person meetings and one virtual town hall meeting left, the Commissioners are anticipating high numbers of attendance at each of the sessions. The participation has been extremely high over the past three weeks of commenting sessions, registering well over 50 speakers at a couple of sessions and 82 speakers in Prescott Valley Nov. 20, 2021. In addition, receipt of online comments and map submissions has been at an all-time high as members of the public become familiar with using the mapping tools.

Decision-making meetings to finalize map boundaries for the Congressional and Legislative districts have been set for Dec. 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2021. The five-member Commission will have nine days of deliberation on the map redrawing taking into consideration the six criteria outlined in the Arizona Constitution Arizona proposition 106. Over 2,000 public comments have been received online, in person, virtually and emailed; in addition 205 published maps and plans have been submitted through the mapping tool - this number does not include maps on paper submitted to the Commissioners. Times and location(s) for the final decision-making meetings can be found on the following link: final decision meetings (December).

<u>Virtual only meetings for the public</u> (to watch live and listen live links will be posted on the following website link: <u>Decision Meetings (December)</u>

Mon. Dec. 6, 9am and Thurs. Dec. 9, 9am

#### Location:

Snell and Wilmer, Conference Room One Arizona Center, Suite 1900 400 E Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85004

Mon. Dec. 13, 8:30am to 2pm: Location - TBD

## **In-person public meetings:**

DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> at 9am	Kimpton Hotel Palomar Phoenix Cityscape 2 E Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85004
Friday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> at 9am	
Sunday, December 19th at 9am (if necessary)	
Monday, December 20th at 9am	
Tuesday, December 21st at 9am	
Wednesday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 9am	

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IRC Mission: The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.









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